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1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER (BHC) VIEWS SITUATION AS " MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY." HE STATED NO ONE BUT AFRICANS COULD UNDERSTAND AFRICAN CONCEPT OF POWER AND TOTAL AFRICAN DISREGARD FOR RESTRAINTS ON POWER. HE PROFESSED BELIEF THAT PRESSURE FROM TRADITIONALISTS COMBINED WITH AGING KING' S INCREASING PREOCCUPATION WITH RETURN TO " SWAZI WAY OF LIFE" LED TO DECISION. BHC HAS CABLED FCO THAT " UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY PLAN TO CONTINUE BUSINESS AS USUAL". HE STATED REASONS FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION; A) THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME; B) MASS OF SWAZIS SUPPORT THIS ACTION SINCE EMANATING FROM KING; C) ANY OTHER COURSE WOULD BE HARMFUL TO BRITISH AND WESTERN INTEREST D) OTHER COURSE
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COULD GIVE RISE TO XENOPHOBIC HOSTILITIES WHERE NONE NOW EXIST. BHC PREDICTED NO RPT NO SUSPENSION OF BRITISH AID.

A PRACTICAL REASON FOR THIS IS PROJECTS IN PIPELINE WILL USE ALL RESOURCES ALLOCATED FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1 EXCEPT FOR 200,000 POUNDS. BHC INTENDS RDIE. AFTER SERVING BRIEFLY IN THE CABINET OF THEN INTERIOR MINISTER ROGER FREY IN 1966, LIMOUZY WAS ELECTED UDR DEPUTY FROM A DISTRICT IN SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE. HE WAS REELECTED IN 1968 AND IN 1973. LIMOUZY IS A PROTEGE OF ROGER FREY WHO IS A GAULLIST "BARON" AND NOW PRESIDENT OF THE UDR GROUP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

D. PIERRE MAZEAUD, 43, (UDR), SECRETARY OF STATE TO PRIME MINISTER -- MAZEAUD IS A FORMER JUDGE OF THE HIGHEST FRENCH COURT -- THE COUR DE CASSATION. HE HAS A DOCTORATE IN LAW, AND HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER WERE BOTH PROMINENT JUDGES. HE ENTERED POLITICS IN 1961 AS A STAFF AIDE TO THEN PRIME MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED DEPUTY (UDR) IN 1968 AND BUILT A REPUTATION AS AN ARDENT GAULLIST, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH PRESS RECALLED THAT IN THE 1950' S, IN HIS STUDENT DAYS, HE WAS AN " ANARCHIST" LEADER. MAZEAUD DEVOTES HIS LEISURE TIME TO MOUNTAIN- CLIMBING AND TOOK A WELL- PUBLICIZED TRY AT EVEREST IN 1971. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS IN HIS NEW POSITION. HE HAS PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND IS THE AUTHOR OF A RECENT BOOK ON HIS HOBBY -- " MOUNTAIN FOR A NAKED MAN."

E. HENRI TORRE, 40, (UDR), SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT -- HENRI TORRE IS A FORMER BUSINESSMAN. HE WAS BORN IN CASABLANCA AND STUDIED AT THE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED COMMERCIAL STUDIES (HEC). HE SERVED A YEAR AS STAFF AIDE TO THE GOVERNOR OF CASABLANCA (1956), THEN TOOK OVER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOROCCAN SUGAR COMPANY. HE SETTLED IN FRANCE IN 1966 AND WON A SURPRISE VICTORY IN THE 1968 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, WHICH HE IS SAID TO HAVE ENTERED AT THE REQUEST OF DE GAULLE' S CABINET. TORRE IS A RIGHT- WING GAULLIST, AND HIS ADVANCEMENT REPORTEDLY IS DUE MORE TO HIS LOYALTY TO ORTHODOX GAULLIST LEADERS THAN TO PERSONAL LEADERSHIP ABILITY. HE REPORTEDLY WAS NAMED TO " BALANCE" THE IDEOLOGICAL COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

F. AIME PAQUET, 59, (IR), SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING -- PAQUET HAS BEEN A DEPUTY SINCE 1951, FIRST ELECTED ON RIGHT- OF- CENTER (INDEPENDANTS ET PAYSANS) TICKET. ALONG WITH VALERY GISCARD D' ESTAING, HE HELPED FOUND THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN PARTY IN 1962 WHEN HE AND OTHER INDEPENDENTS REFUSED

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TO VOTE FOR A MOTION OF CENSURE AGAINST POMPIDOU GOVERNMENT. HE BECAME VICE- PRESIDENT OF THE IR' S IN 1966 AND PRESIDENT OF THE IR GROUP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1969. FOLLOWING THE MARCH 1973 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS HE WAS THE IR CHOICE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUT WITHDREW HIS CANDIDATURE IN FAVOR OF EDGAR FAURE. A FARMER BY PROFESSION, PAQUET WAS A CHAMPION OF AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS IN THE ASSEMBLY. HE TRAVELED

TO THE US IN 1956 AS A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM FRENCH AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

G. MADAM SUZANNE PLOUX, 65, (UDR), SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION -- MADAME PLOUX WAS ONE OF TWO WOMEN ELECTED UDR DEPUTIES. SHE HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY FROM FINISTERE SINCE 1962. IN THE LAST PARLIAMENT, SHE WAS ON THE COMMISSION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND WAS AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. THE MOTHER OF SEVEN, MADAME PLOUX BEGAN HER POLITICAL CAREER IN 1945 IN LOCAL POLITICS.

H. CHRISTIAN PONCELET, 45, (UDR), SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR -- CHRISTIAN PONCELET, IS THE SON OF A MECHANIC AND IS A " SELF- MADE MAN." HE GRADUATED FROM THE PTT'S PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FOR MANAGERS. ACTIVE IN THE CHRISTIAN LABOR MOVEMENT (CFTC) PRIOR TO 1961, HE WAS ELECTED DEPUTY FROM THE VOSGES IN 1962 AND REELECTED IN 1967, 1968 AND 1973. AN ORTHODOX GAULLIST, HE IS A MEMBER OF PRESENCE AND ACTION OF GAULLISM GROUP IN THE ASSEMBLY. PONCELET IS NOT KNOWN FOR OUTSTANDING INTELLECTUAL QUALITIES BUT HAS COMMON SENSE AND HAS MAINTAINED HIS CONTACT WITH THE " PEOPLE ." HE CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO PROVIDE DRIVE AND DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT GOF'S SOCIAL PROGRAM. MAJOR CREDIT FOR WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY PREVIOUS GOF IN THIS FIELD GOES TO HIM.

I. PAUL DIJOU, 34, (IR) - SECRETARY OF STATE TO PRIME MINISTER -- DIJOU IS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT. HE HAS BEEN AN IR DEPUTY SINCE 1967. HE IS REPORTEDLY CLOSE TO GISCARD D'ESTAING BUT IS ALSO REPORTED COMPLETELY LOYAL TO POMPIDOU. WITHIN THE PARTY ORGANIZATION HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MATTERS CONCERNING YOUTH AND EDUCATION. DIJOU IS A GRADUATE OF SCIENCES " PO" AND ENA. HE SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION AS A DEPUTY. HE COMES FROM A POLITICAL FAMILY -- THREE GENERATIONS OF MAYORS -- AND IS ATTRACTIVE, PERSONABLE AND AMBITIOUS. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U. S. AND WAS A LEADER GRANTEE IN 1969. HIS MOTHER, THE DAUGHTER OF AN CONFIDENTIAL

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AMERICAN LIVED IN THE U. S. UNTIL AGE 18.

J. MARIE- MADELEINE DIENESCH, 59, (UDR) -- SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY -- MADEMOISELLE DEINESCH PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM 1946 TO 1968, WHEN SHE WAS FIRST NAMED TO THE GOVERNMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION. SHE WAS ORIGINALLY A MEMBER OF THE NOW DEFUNCT MRB (CENTER) AND SERVED ON THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1958-62. SHE JOINED THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (LECANUET'S GROUP) IN 1962. SINCE 1967 SHE HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE UDR BUT SHE IS NOT A MEMBER. SHE HAS SERVED IN ALL GOVERNMENTS SINCE 1968 AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DIVERSE SOCIAL QUESTIONS -- EDUCATION, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SOCIAL ACTION AND REHABILITATION. SHE WILL BE SERVING HER SECOND TERM IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH. MADAM-

OISELLE DIENESCH IS CONSIDERED A LIBERAL ON DOMESTIC POLICY.

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